

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A gliding board, comprising:

a gliding surface that terminates in at least one raised end, said end beginning at a low point along said gliding surface and extending to a highest point, said end having a peripheral zone and a central zone, the peripheral zone extending from sides of said end toward the central zone of said end, the peripheral zone having a thickness which is less than a thickness of the central zone of said end and being connected to the central zone by a discontinuity that forms an inflexion surface continuously extending throughout a length of said discontinuity in said end to form a smooth arc between said sides of said end;

wherein (i) an upper face of the peripheral zone is substantially parallel to the gliding surface, (ii) a width of the peripheral zone, measured from a nearest point along the side of said end, increases from said low point of said end to a maximum value at said highest point of said end, and (iii) a vertex of said arc extends to a highest point of said inflexion surface along said end at a point substantially along a center longitudinal axis of said gliding board.

Claims 2 and 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The gliding board as claimed in claim 1, further comprising edges which are interrupted at an intermediate point within said end, wherein the width of the peripheral zone is more than 5 mm at said point.

5. (Previously Presented) The gliding board as claimed in claim 1, wherein the peripheral zone is symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal mid-plane of the board.

6. (Previously Presented) The gliding board as claimed in claim 1, wherein said end forms a front tip of the board.

7. (New) A gliding board, comprising:

a gliding surface that terminates in at least one raised end, said end beginning at a low point along said gliding surface and extending to a highest point, said end having a peripheral zone and a central zone, the peripheral zone extending from sides of said end toward the central zone of said end, the peripheral zone having a thickness which is less than a thickness of the central zone of said end and being connected to the central zone by a discontinuity that forms an inflexion surface continuously extending throughout a length of said discontinuity in said end to form a smooth arc between said sides of said end;

wherein (i) an upper face of the peripheral zone is substantially parallel to the gliding surface, (ii) a width of the peripheral zone, measured from a nearest point along the side of said end, increases from said low point of said end to a maximum value at said highest point of said end, (iii) a vertex of said arc extends to a highest point of said inflexion surface along said end at a point substantially along a center longitudinal axis of said gliding board, and (iv) said thickness of the central zone is substantially thicker than said thickness of the peripheral zone throughout said length of said discontinuity.

8. (New) The gliding board as claimed in claim 7, further comprising edges which are interrupted at an intermediate point within said end, wherein the width of the peripheral zone is more than 5 mm at said point.

9. (New) The gliding board as claimed in claim 7, wherein the peripheral zone is symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal mid-plane of the board.

10. (New) The gliding board as claimed in claim 7, wherein said end forms a front tip of the board.